

District II Advisory Board Minutes

December 4, 2006

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th Street North. 9 board members, 5 staff and approximately 5 citizens were in attendance. Only those individuals who signed in are listed as guests below.

Members Present

Marty Weeks
Tim Goodpasture
David Mollhagen
Phil Ryan
Daryl Crotts
Larry Frutiger
Joe Johnson
Brian Carduff
Council Member Sue Schlapp

Members Absent

Sarah Devries
Aaron Mayes
Matt Hesse

Staff Present

Officer Ryan, CP – Patrol East
Officer Kelly, Beat Officer – Patrol North
Elizabeth Goltry, Management Intern – Finance
Talbert Showalter, Wichita Transit
Captain Nelson L. Mosely, Wichita Police
LaShonda Porter, Neighborhood Assistant
Dennis Graves, Environmental Health

Guests

Martha Gregg, 4485 Santa Fe Lake Rd,
Towanda KS, 67144
Mary Boyd, 8811 Bradford Circle
Max Weddle, 826 S. Zelta Court
RD Warren, 3849 E. English
Cyndi Warren, 3849 E. English

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

DAB did introductions and **CM Schlapp** explained the purpose of the District Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The meeting agenda for December 4, 2006 was approved as submitted (**Carduff:Goodpasture,8-0**)

The meeting minutes for November 6, 2006 were approved as submitted (**Goodpasture:Ryan, 8-0**)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Scheduled items

No items were submitted.

2. Off-agenda items

Martha Gregg, 4485 Santa Fe Lake Road, Towanda KS, presented the board with a letter to express the concerns from the owners of Lincoln Heights Village. The family of Walter and William Morris built the first shopping center in Wichita in 1949 in the vicinity of the proposed Wal-Mart. The community of Lincoln Heights Village is concerned with the detrimental effect Wal-Mart will have on these businesses. They expressed that they are not opposed to development but feel it is short-sighted to allow Wal-Mart to build at the Kellogg and Oliver location for several reasons: 1) increased traffic on Oliver, 2) loss of parking, 3) loss of historic shopping center, and 4) community heart.

Cyndi Warren, 3849 E. English, asked to address the Board with concerns about the proposed Wal-Mart at Kellogg and Oliver. She talked about how an article in the Business Journal indicated that Kellogg and Oliver was the busy intersection in the City of Wichita and putting a Wal-Mart at this location will only increase the traffic. In the article it reported that there are 79,000 vehicles daily that travel through this intersection and with the addition of Wal-Mart it is estimated that it will increase by 3,300 trips per day. Cyndi also expressed concern with this intersection becoming a speedway or a thorough fair. She does not want to see the speed limits increased, the additional traffic, or the streets widen.

CM Schlapp thanked both constituents for their comments. She also advised that Wal-Mart sent out post cards to both District III (the district where Wal-Mart will reside if approved) and District II to get a feel for how the community felt, and by overwhelming numbers District III supported Wal-Mart. However, District II opposed the building of the proposed Wal-Mart. **CM Schlapp** wanted everyone to understand that this was a difficult decision because it is very rare when another district has strong concerns about development in another district.

CM Schlapp also addressed the concerns about the Douglas & Oliver construction project. She advised that this project was put on hold, as there are some funding concerns that have to be ironed out. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are a 10 year projection of projects the City would like to work on, however, the start and completion of those projects are based on the federal funding that is available. 80% of the funding for projects in the CIP are federal funds and the other 20% are local funds. Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) is the organization that decides who gets what portion of the allotted federal funds, and Wichita normally gets most of the funds that are allocated to Kansas, however, that may not be the case going forward. So, until the final figures come out as to how much Wichita will receive, projects in the current CIP have been put on hold.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

STAFF REPORT

3. Community Police Report

Officer Ryan, 39 Beat (Patrol East), advised that not much is happening on Beat 39. He did mention that during the holiday season citizens should refrain from leaving personal items in their car. All personal items should be locked in the trunk or taken with them, as larcenies

normally increase during this season. He also mentioned that they passed out approximately 1000 flyers to residents informing them on the most common reason for accidents. **Officer Ryan** advised that he could be reached by e-mail or at the Patrol East station if anyone had any questions or concerns.

Officer Kelly, 46 Beat, Beat Officer, advised that he could be reached at Patrol North if anyone had any questions and/or concerns.

The **Board** thanked the officers for there report.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Transforming Wichita

Elizabeth Goltry, Finance-Management Intern, presented the Board with information on the results from the 2006 Citizen Survey. In Spring 2006 the City of Wichita commissioned National Citizen Survey to conduct a survey of Wichitans in order to gain a better understanding of the public's opinion of government services and their vision for the community.

There were 3,000 surveys mailed to randomly selected citizens, and approximately 34% of the surveys were completed and returned. Of the 34%, 17% of the respondents were residents of District II.

The services that were important to the constituents of District II were:

- Interaction with City government
- Use of facilities and engagement
- Arts, culture and events

The District Advisory Board thought the results were interesting and had general questions about how often the survey would be administered how the information obtained from the survey will be used to better serve the community. **Elizabeth** explained that the survey will probably not be done on a yearly basis, but as needs warrant it and that the information has been categorized based on the goals the Council has set. The Transforming Wichita teams will also take this information into consideration when they are working through processes. To review more details about the survey please visit the City of Wichita website at:

<http://www.wichita.gov/tw/>

CM Schlapp thought that survey provided good information and was a tool that Council could use in helping them make decisions. She also added that the City Manager wanted more citizens input in the process and this survey allows the City to get some invaluable input from the community.

The **Board** thanked **Elizabeth** her time.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

5. Police

Captain Nelson Mosley, Police Administrative Services, provided the Board with information in regards to the services that were available through his bureau. Some of the programs that he discussed were: National Night Out, Community Affairs, School Liaison, and Neighborhood Watch. He talked about how people can get involved in these programs and how each program works.

National Night Out is designed to: 1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; 2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; 3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and 4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The **Community-Affairs Section's** mission is to assist in lowering the crime rate by educating the public on how to solve problems in their neighborhoods and to further police-community relations in the city of Wichita. The mission is pursued through a series of programs and activities conducted in the community that focus on crime-prevention techniques that are proactive and risk-reduction oriented. The Community-Affairs Section also includes the Crime-Prevention Unit and the Neighborhood-Watch Officer.

The **School-Liaison Unit** is a part of the Community-Affairs Section. Its mission is to provide law-related education and substance-abuse-prevention information to students so that the school community is safer, with better-informed and more responsible staff and students.

Neighborhood Watch is a program of residents working with the Police Department for a safer community. It's not just a program to report suspicious activities and crime, but a program designed to confront and resolve safety problems within the neighborhood. These problems can include abandoned cars, deteriorating housing, loitering, littering, drug abuse or sales, etc.

For more information on how the Police Administrative Services team can assist the community visit the website at:

<http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Police/Support+Services/Administrative+Bureau/>

The **Board** thanked **Captain Mosley** for his time.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

6. **Transit**

Talbert Showalter, Wichita Transit, presented the Board with information on the proposed fare adjustments for transit services. Wichita Transit proposes to increase its bus fare from \$1.00 to \$1.25 and to increase its base van fare from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per ride. Research shows transit fares are low in comparison are low in comparison to other cities in our region and the proposed increase will put Wichita on par with these peer cities.

The new transfer process will allow riders to get a transfer for \$1.25 and switch routes without paying additional fares within a 2-hour period. The new program will also allow riders to purchase daily passes (un-limited riding) - \$3.00 per day; weekly passes, and monthly passes.

The **Board** was concerned with how this would impact those individuals that were dependent upon transit services. **Talbert** advised that this increase would only have an impact to 35% of the riders and the impact would be minimal. The **Board** also wanted to know if a tax subsidy

for transit was considered, and if the transit service was free to citizens would that increase employment levels?

The **Board** thanked **Talbert** for his time.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

7. **PUD2006-00003**

This case has been postponed indefinitely and was not heard at the DAB meeting. If the case is rescheduled to be heard at the DAB or MAPC surrounding residents will be notified by the principal planner Donna Goltry.

BOARD AGENDA

8. **Updates, Issues, and Reports**

Darryl Crotts – Tall Grass has plans to request a change in Bradley Fairs setbacks and parking ratios to add more business in the shopping center.

CM Schlapp - Great Harvest Bread Company at Central and Woodlawn are struggling to maintain due to the construction. When the City gets into the process of reconstruction we normally find many unknowns that delays the project. With that said some businesses are not able to sustain through long periods of construction and the owner needs your support. Please continue to support all the businesses along the Central and Woodlawn as they go through this construction period.

Brian Carduff – Are there any banks in the area that support bridge financing during these times? **Tim Goodpasture** – Does WSU small business development center have any assistance for these businesses.

CM Schlapp also advised that Century II will not be privatized and currently there are know plans to privatize at a later date. There will be professional management but no privatization.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next DAB II meeting will be **January 8, 2007** at the Rockwell Branch Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

LaShonda Porter, Neighborhood Assistant